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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0017	M E M O	

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

February 16, 2017

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 17-0017 for the purpose of expressly continuing the regulation of solar photovoltaic power systems for all 1- and 2-family dwellings; and expressly reinstating the application of certain regulations governing driveways and other paved surfaces for all 1- and 2-family dwellings.

As drafted this bill would modify two sections of the City's 2015 Edition of the Building, Fire and Related Codes (BFR). The first change would be to accommodate recent changes to the International Code Council (ICC) governing solar photovoltaic power systems that need to be incorporated into the local code. The second change is to add provisions in the local code that guide the development of parking lots, driveway and other paved surfaces.

Recently, it was discovered that the local building codes provisions for Parking Lots, Driveways, and Other Paved Surfaces, applicable to 1- and 2-family dwellings, was mistakenly omitted. This bill corrects that oversight by expressly incorporating those relevant portions into the appropriate sections of the BFR codes. The new language clarifies the need for a permit from the Department of Transportation (DOT) when creating a driveway entrance on a public right-of-way.

DOT supports this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

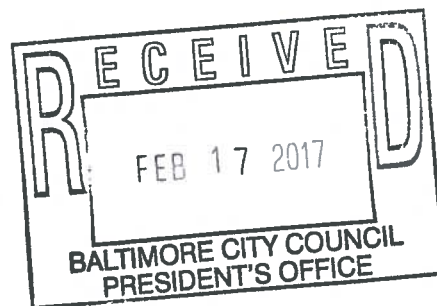
Respectfully,



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